Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Older Americans are a treasured link to our past. With courage, hard work, and unwavering devotion to family, community, and country, our older citizens helped make the 20th century the American century; and,

Whereas, Their character, values, and patriotism laid the foundation for the freedom we enjoy in this country today; and,

Whereas, Older Americans have indeed contributed much to the story of our past and they have much still to offer our future; and,

Whereas, The theme for the 2003 observance is, "What We Do Makes A Difference," which encourages individuals to give of themselves throughout their lives in order for others to benefit from their considerable knowledge and experience:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2003, as

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in South Dakota and I urge government officials, business people, community leaders, educators, volunteers, and all the people of this state to recognize the contributions older Americans have made, and continue to make, toward the progress and prosperity of our nation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State